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CAIRO AND JERUSALEM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARTY

DEPT: PASS DOD AND USMTM DHAHRAN

E.O.: 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, OTRA, SA, US
SUBJ: UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS' VISIT TO
SAUDI ARABIA

REF : (A) DAMASCUS 0897 (B) JIDDA 1712

1. DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR, PRINCE FAHD, MARCH 19, MENTION MADE OF PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA APRIL 5-8 BY MR. CLEMENTS, UNDER-SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL BROWN. PRINCE FAHD SAID HE WISHED HE COULD MEET WITH MR. CLEMENTS BUT UNFORTUNATELY WOULD NOT BE RETURNING FROM FIRST PORTION OF IRAN/IRAQ TRIP UNTIL APRIL 8. SECRETARY KISSINGER AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MR. CLEMENTS COULD AMEND HIS TRAVEL DATES TO PERMIT SUCH A MEETING. (DURING TALK WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, FAHD SHOWED A REMARKABLY BROAD AND PENETRATING GRASP OF ITEMS DISCUSSED.)

2. EMBASSY SUBMITS FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDING MR. CLEMENTS' SCHEDULE:

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(A) THAT HE AND GENERAL BROWN ARRIVE IN JIDDA ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING IN RIYADH WITH SULTAN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15--THIS DATE WAS PROPOSED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN; OR

(B) THAT THEY ARRANGE TO BE IN RIYADH ONE OR TWO DAYS LATER UNTIL THE NINTH OR TENTH--WHILE PERHAPS ARRIVING ONE OR TWO DAYS LATER THAN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

3. AN EARLIER ARRIVAL ON APRIL 4, THE MUSLEM SABBATH, WOULD NOT BE SATISFACTORY. DCM HAS INFORMALLY TOLD ASSISTANT TO PRINCE SULTAN THAT THE ETA OF APRIL 15 MIGHT BE TOO DRASTIC AN ALTERATION OF MR. CLEMENTS' ITINERARY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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